GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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New Terminal at Vijayawada Airport
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether a new international terminal has been started in Vijayawada recently, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the other infrastructure facilities to be created for operation of international flights from the airport and time by which the Government is likely to create the same; and

(c) whether the Government proposes to rename Vijayawada airport as Amaravati airport and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION

(Shri Jayant Sinha)

(a): No, Madam. However, a new interim domestic terminal building with handling capacity of 500 peak hour passengers has been commissioned on 03.02.2017 at Vijayawada Airport.
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(b): For operationalisation of international flights from Vijayawada Airport, the Airports Authority of India (AAI) has already commenced infrastructural upgradation work including extension and strengthening of existing runway from 2286m to 3360m, construction of isolation bay with link taxi track and has also finalized the scope of work for the new Integrated Passenger Terminal Building for simultaneous international and domestic operations. The timelines for these projects depends on various factors like grant of mandatory clearances, financial approvals, award of contracts, successful bidding process, etc.
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(c): No, Madam. As a general practice, requests for naming/renaming of airports are considered based on the recommendations of the concerned State Government supported by a resolution passed in the respective State Legislative Assembly. No such recommendation/resolution has been received from the State Government of Andhra Pradesh for renaming of Vijayawada airport.;